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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

12 November 1953

SUBJECT : Operational Projects Requiring Special Action in Order to Obtain Final Accountings

1. The entire file which is attached was returned to this Office on Tuesday after having been borrowed by [redacted] to get some of the additional details in the attachments which were not available on his copies. They have submitted specific and detailed information and recommendations on three projects: [redacted]

2. The recommendations on [redacted] are fairly specific indicating that the administrative plan for that part of the activity, now known as [redacted] will permit clearance of advances charged to that activity. [redacted] suggests that PAPS be requested to expedite that plan. In connection with two amounts of approximately [redacted] recommends that DD/P be requested to initiate appropriate action for write-off. I believe that this Office can act on both of the recommendations by contacting PAPS directly and requesting the Comptroller to initiate action with DD/P.

3. The write-up of [redacted] indicates that the case is nearly at a conclusion. Based on a request by the SR Division for write-off, the only action deemed necessary is appropriate prodding from the Office of the Comptroller to have the request returned to the Comptroller for his concurrence and forwarding for final approval. This Office could suggest this to [redacted]

4. The write-up of [redacted] is somewhat more vague in its latter phases. The advance of a [redacted] (\$2,857.14) was made on 25 October 1951 to [redacted] a staff agent, who deposited the funds to the [redacted] of [redacted] for a proposed trip. The trip never materialized and there is a great deal of doubt whether the money can be refunded. However, the write-up simply indicates that while an attempt is underway to recover the deposit, Headquarters has not been informed of field action. [redacted] recommendation is that no action be taken at this time pending outcome of efforts now being made toward recovery. Orally there has been some indication to me that this recommendation actually presupposes normal follow-up procedures by the Finance Division. However, in order to be more specific I would recommend that this Office direct the Comptroller to initiate specific follow-up from Finance Division to WE Division and after a specified time, an appropriate memorandum should be forwarded from the Comptroller to the Chief of Administration, DD/P. After that step has failed, then DD/A appropriately could address a memorandum to DD/P.

5. If you agree with all of the above, I will take the necessary action. In the meantime I have tried to stress both to [redacted] the necessity of looking up the rest of the cases. Both of them plead that this is a difficult job and takes men off their regular work to do it. I can't quite accept this and have so told them as this type of follow-up action and determining the facts

Document This case should be considered a normal part of their task.

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